



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held October 23, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

“Los Angeles County is the largest county in the nation and the 16th largest economy in the world. As such, we should exercise leadership in the fight to combat global warming and the related problems of air pollution and our national dependence on fossil fuels. The Board of Supervisors has already enacted a series of initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the County through such measures as committing to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the County by 20% by 2015; adopting a LEED-Silver mandate for new County buildings; utilizing fuel-efficient vehicles; and retrofitting County buildings to improve energy efficiency. The Board of Supervisors now has an additional opportunity to join a coalition of counties throughout the United States by signing the U.S. Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration.

“This Declaration would commit the County to 1) creating an inventory of the greenhouse gas emissions stemming from the County’s governmental operations and implementing policies to achieve reductions in those emissions; 2) working with local, state, and federal governments and other leaders to reduce County geographical greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below current levels by 2050; 3) urging Congress and the President to adopt national targets and programs to achieve the same emissions reductions by 2050; and, 4) urging Congress and the President to enact legislation requiring automotive manufacturers to achieve a Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Standard of at least 35 miles per gallon for cars and light trucks within 10 years, as well as any other legislation necessary to meet the aforementioned reduction goals.

“While the County has already taken many of these steps alone, the County can increase its effectiveness by joining this coalition.”

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David Lambertson, Director of Internal Services responded to questions posed by the Board.

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, duly carried by the following vote: Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Burke, Knabe and Yaroslavsky; Noes: None; Abstentions: Supervisor Antonovich, the Board took the following actions:

1. Authorized the Chairman to sign the attached U.S. Cool Counties Climate Stabilization Declaration, to join a coalition of counties throughout the United States to combat global warming and related problems of air pollution and national dependence on fossil fuels; and
2. Directed the Chief Executive Officer to take all appropriate actions to implement the policy goals in the Declaration.

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Attachment

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